

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-14 are rejected. Claims 1, 12-14 are herein amended. No new matter is believed to have been entered through the various claim amendments. Further, upon belief, it is respectfully submitted that this paper is fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 15 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

As the Examiner has indicated that claim 15 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, to obtain an allowance of the application, claim 1 has been herein amended to include the feature of "objected to" claim 15.

Furthermore, as the outstanding Office Action has in essence conceded that the feature of claim 15 of the present application is not described by the cited art, similar to the above amendment of claim 1 further to the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter, independent claims 12-14 are likewise herein amended similar to that of claim 1 by including the "objected to" feature of claim 15.

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In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 1 and 12-14 are herein patentable in view of the above claim amendments. Furthermore, claims 2-11 which depend either directly or indirectly from independent claim 1 are likewise patentable for at least the reason of their respective dependencies. Accordingly, the dependent claims as herein presented are patentable.

Specification

The Examiner contends that the title of the application is not descriptive.

The title is herein amended as follows:

“CONTENTS SUMMARIZING UNIT AND CONTENTS SUMMARIZING
PROGRAM THAT PRODUCE CONTENT SUMMARY INFORMATION
SUMMARIZED FROM CONTENTS REGARDING SPORTS”

The Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw their objection over the title.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1-8 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Divakaran et al. (“Divakaran”, U.S. Patent No. 7,383,504 B1, issued June 2008, application 09/518,937 filed March 2000), in view of Errico et al. (“Errico”, U.S. Patent No. 7,055,168 B1, issued May 2006, application 09/668,777 filed September 2000).

The rejection is respectfully traversed.

The rejection is moot as claims 1 has been amended further to the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter. Furthermore, claims 2-8 and 13 which depend from independent claim 1 are likewise patentable for at least the reason of their respective dependencies.

Claims 9-12 and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Divakaran in view of Errico, and further in view of Carlbom et al. ("Carlbom" U.S. Patent No. 7,203,693 B2, issued April 2007).

The rejection is respectfully traversed.

It is submitted that the rejection is moot as claims 9-11 depend either directly or indirectly from independent claim 1 (which is herein amended further to the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter), the claims are patentable for at least the reason of their dependencies, and further, the arguments presented above over the cited art are applicable here where appropriate. Further as independent claims 12-14 include somewhat similar features to that of the amended "objected to" feature of claim 15 which has been incorporated into independent

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claim 1, it is submitted that the arguments presented above are applicable here toward independent claims 12-14.

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, Applicants submit that the claims, as herein amended, are in condition for allowance. Applicants request such action at an early date.

If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

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